

Johnson House (Garet Durland House)
Homestead Road
Oldwick
Hunterdon
New Jersey

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Hunterdon	TOWN OR VICINITY Oldwick
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Johnson House		HABS NO. NJ-778
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Garet Durland House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Homestead Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Between 1835-1840 (Ch. Peterson, AIA)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The significance of the Johnson House lies in its historical association with the British attack on Chestnut Creek during the Revolutionary War. The house became the refuge of Michele Johnson and was supposedly saved from being torched because the British were loathe to torch her as well. This house was most likely not the original as more accurate dating techniques assign it to 1835-40. STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) frame with clapboards		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two story with additions		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Partially destroyed by fire October 13 (Friday), 1961		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The property was owned by Benjamin Johnson as early as 1750. A James Bell married Michele Johnson on January 11, 1783 and lies buried at a nearby cemetery.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Historic American Buildings Survey, New Jersey Catalog, 1977, p117 (as Garet Durland House) Correspondence from Franklin Kemp, submitted to HABS/HAER office, Washington, D.C.		
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